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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004 and is also to serve as the requisite submission under 37 CFR 1.114 to accompany Applicant's Request for Continued Examination. A three-month extension of time is believed needed for this response and is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the extension and the fee for the RCE to the undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807. Similarly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be due for this application (except the issue fee) to said deposit account.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

U.S. Serial No. 10/053,182 (Attorney Dkt: HALB:031)  
Art Unit: 3673; Examiner KRECK, JOHN J.

Please cancel claim 25 and amend claim 14 to read as follows: